GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF COAL BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has purchased it proposes to purchase coal from the US;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any irregularity has been found in this transaction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Under long term agreement, 1 Million Tonnes coking coal has been tied up with two companies from the USA for the year 2005-06. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is presently purchasing imported coal through open global tenders.

(c)to(e): An inquiry relating to spot purchases of coking coal made by SAIL between April and August, 2004 is in progress.